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Ms. Mary Ann Wright
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Dear Ms. Wright:

Re: Barrick Mercur Mine Reclamation Project
Mining & Reclamation Plan ACT/045/017

Barrick is in the final phases of closure of its Mercur Mine reclamation project in Mercur Canyon, Tooele County, Utah. Full-scale closure activities commenced in 1998 with the cessation of operations. The largest remaining component is the final closure of the Reservation Canyon tailing impoundment. Barrick submitted to the Division the "*Reservation Canyon Tailings Impoundment Site Characterization and Final Closure Design Plan, July 1999.*" on August 2, 1999. The Division subsequently approved this Plan November 9, 1999.

Barrick has continued to refine the underlying data supporting the previous design plan. Pursuant to these efforts, minor modifications to the approved July 1999 plan have been identified. These modifications are provided in the attached document "*2002 Addendum. Reservation Canyon Tailings Impoundment. Site Characterization and Final Closure Design. Barrick Mercur Gold Mine. Tooele County, Utah. April 2002*", submitted today for your consideration and approval. The 2002 Addendum document supplements the July 1999 Plan and contains only revised text and drawings.

It is anticipated that final tailing dewatering, through enhanced evaporation and/or transfer to the East Bay pond, will be completed in early summer 2002. Final cover placement and spillway construction would commence in August 2002 and be concluded by October 2002. Inasmuch as Barrick considers the modifications presented in the attached 2002 Addendum Plan minor modifications, and efforts need to begin to secure earthwork contractors for the work, we would ask for the Division's timely review and approval of this addendum as a minor modification to ACT / 045 / 017.

The responsibilities of Engineer of Record have also changed for this 2002 Addendum. Mr. David O'Sadnick has replaced Mr. Brent Bronsen in this capacity. Please direct any issues pertaining to these specific responsibilities to Mr. O'Sadnick at the Lakewood, CO office of Golder Associates, Inc. (303-980-0540).

Please feel free to contact me at your earliest opportunity to discuss this request. We certainly appreciate the Division's willingness to work with us on these matters and will do all that is necessary to facilitate this process.

Respectfully;



Glenn Eurick

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